



# snowflakes

embryo adoption program

## Embryo Donation & Adoption: DISPELLING THE MYTHS

There are many misconceptions about embryo donation and adoption. For anyone considering this life-affirming adoption choice, it's important to base decisions on facts, not fiction.

### MYTH

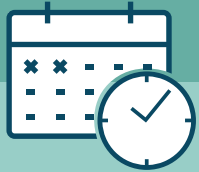
### REALITY

### PROCESS



Embryo adoption is as expensive as IVF.

Especially when donor eggs are required, IVF can be much more costly than embryo adoption.



Adoption studies are a waste of time and money.

Home studies ensure that the adoptive family is mentally, emotionally, and financially ready to parent.



Embryo adoption through an agency takes longer than through a clinic; many people are never selected.

Approved home study families have the opportunity to adopt in a timely manner.

### AVAILABILITY



Donors prefer to give embryos to an anonymous recipient.

Often, donors want to know who received their embryos and whether children were born.



Embryos remaining after IVF cycles, and those donated to Snowflakes, are not high quality.

Donated embryos are healthy and viable. Recently, a healthy baby girl was born from an 18 year old embryo!



Clinics have long wait lists for embryos; agencies must too.

Agency programs have embryos waiting for a match with a family. New donors call daily!

### FAMILY DYNAMICS



Donors will later feel that the child that resulted from their embryo was meant to be in their family.

Donors are devoted to raising their own children, but feel their embryo also deserved parents.

As an adoptive family, it can be hard to bond with baby that is not genetically your own.

Carrying the child, experiencing birth, and raising it forms strong, natural bonds.

Open adoption means that the donor family participates in all holidays, celebrations, etc.

Future communication styles are mutually agreed upon by both families.



When you move beyond the myths, you find that embryo adoption is a caring process in which agencies, donors, and recipients work together to cherish life and respect the needs and feelings of everyone.

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